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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/572,934  
Confirmation No. : 4994  
Applicant : Detlev Wittmer  
Filed : Dec. 13, 2007  
Title : Method for Safe Data Transmission Between an  
Intrinsically Safe Sensor and a Non-Intrinsically Safe  
Evaluation Unit  
TC/A.U. : 2184  
Examiner : E. T. Oberly  
Docket No. : WITT3006/FJD  
Customer No. : 23364

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and corresponding remarks are being submitted herewith pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of December 10, 2010 in this RCE application.